



2012 MAINE LITERARY AWARDS

NOMINATION

Author: _____

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BOOK AWARDS

- Fiction
- Crime Fiction
- Speculative Fiction
- Nonfiction
- Memoir
- Poetry
- Children's
- Young Adult
- Anthology
- John N. Cole Award for Maine-themed Nonfiction

DRAMA AWARD

Screenplays or film scripts (20 pages)

EXCELLENCE IN PUBLISHING AWARD

Honoring Maine publishers for general excellence in content and design

SHORT WORKS COMPETITION

For published or unpublished short works

- Fiction (20 pages)
- Nonfiction (20 pages)
- Poetry (10 pages)

YOUTH COMPETITION

Open to middle- and high school-aged students

- Fiction
- Nonfiction
- Poetry

SUBMISSION CHECKLIST

- Nomination Form
- Submission Fee
- Book or Manuscript (two copies)

2012 MAINE LITERARY AWARDS • GUIDELINES

ELIGIBILITY

The 2012 Maine Literary Awards are open to all Maine residents, including seasonal residents. All nominations, regardless of category, must have been published during the 2011 calendar year. The editors (or lead editor) of books entered in the Anthology category must be Maine residents. Maine publishers of books by out-of-state authors may enter the Excellence in Publishing Award.

DEADLINE

All books and manuscripts must be postmarked by March 1, 2012. The MWPA is not responsible for lost or damaged submissions. The Maine Literary Awards ceremony will be held on Thursday, May 31, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the University of Southern Maine in Portland. More detailed information about the event will be posted in advance on our website.

MULTIPLE ENTRIES

Authors and publishers may nominate multiple different books or manuscripts, but each individual entry must be accompanied by its own nomination form.

SELF-PUBLISHED BOOKS

Self-published books should be entered in the relevant book-award category. There is no separate category for self-published books.

REVIEW PROCESS

All entries will be judged by a panel of professionals in the literary arts. Jurors have been selected for their expertise in a specific genre or in the literary arts generally. Every possible effort will be made to avoid conflicts of interest during the review and award process.

SUBMISSION DETAILS

BOOK AWARDS & EXCELLENCE IN PUBLISHING HONOR:

Please submit two copies of each book being nominated. No submissions will be returned. Books published exclusively as ebooks may be entered but must be submitted in printed form on 8.5 x 11 paper. Crime Fiction is an umbrella category for books that fall into one of the following general categories: crime, noir, thriller, suspense, mystery, police procedurals, and cozys. Speculative Fiction is an umbrella category for books that fall into one of the following general categories: science fiction, fantasy, dystopian, horror, and supernatural. Submissions in these categories are elective; authors may nominate crime or speculative fictional works for the general Fiction category. Children's is a general term for illustrated books meant to either be read to young children or read by very young, new readers. Young Adult is a general term for chapter books meant to read by kids who are reading comfortably on their own. Submissions to the John N. Cole Award for Maine-themed Nonfiction must be both Maine-themed and nonfiction. Excellence in Publishing Award is open to Maine publishers of books written by out-of-state authors and submissions may also include a wide range of books that do not fit other categories, such as photography books, cookbooks, and field guides, for example.

DRAMA AWARD & SHORT WORKS COMPETITION: Please submit two copies of your manuscript, which cannot exceed 10 pages for poetry (one poem per page) or 20 pages for drama, fiction, and nonfiction. Previously published works and excerpts from larger works are accepted. All manuscripts must meet the following formatting requirements: 12-point font, double-spaced lines, and one-inch margins on standard 8.5 x 11 paper. The author's name should not appear on any of the manuscript pages. A separate cover sheet with

the author's name and the title of the work may be included. No submissions will be returned. All winning works in the drama and short works categories will be considered for publication in the MWPA's print publication, although publication is not guaranteed.

YOUTH COMPETITION: This FREE competition is open to young adults in Maine's middle and high schools, and to home-schooled students at a comparable age and grade level. Please submit two copies of your manuscript, which cannot exceed 10 pages for poetry or 20 pages for fiction and nonfiction. All manuscripts must meet the following formatting requirements: 12-point font, double-spaced lines, and one-inch margins on standard 8.5 x 11 paper. The author's name should not appear on any of the manuscript pages. A separate cover sheet with the author's name and the title of the work may be included. No submissions will be returned.

Teachers and Parents: Please include your name and contact information if you are nominating a student. Multiple nominations for the Youth Competition categories will be accepted, but make sure the relevant name, work, and genre are clearly indicated on a cover sheet. The following format can be used:

Mrs. Teacher Jones, Maine Country School
1) Jane Student – "My Summer Vacation" – Nonfiction

SUBMISSION FEES

Book Awards & Excellence in Publishing Award

Members \$25 | Nonmembers \$45

Drama Award & Short Works Competition

Members \$10 | Nonmembers \$25

Youth Competition

Free

SUBMIT

No email or fax submissions will be accepted. Please mail your books or manuscripts, a completed nomination form, and entry fee to 2012 Maine Literary Awards, c/o MWPA, Glickman Library, 314 Forest Avenue, Room 318, Portland, ME 04102.

THE FINE PRINT

If an incomplete nomination is received and time allows, the MWPA will do its best to notify the submitter and rectify the problem, however, the MWPA is not responsible for fixing incomplete nominations. MWPA reserves the right to re-categorize submissions if the total number of entries in a particular category is not sufficient to maintain the integrity of the judging process (for example, if only two submissions are received in the Speculative Fiction category, the submissions may be re-categorized in the Fiction category). The MWPA reserves the right to decline to give out an award in any category if the judges determine that there are no entries of sufficient quality to merit an award. In such a circumstance, one-half (50%) of the entry fee will be returned to the entrants in the relevant category.

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